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To watch

See Congo Square Theatre Company's production of the new play "The St. James Infirmary" at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays

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Celeb twin

Do you look like a celebrity? Show us! Send your picture along with the name of the celeb who shares your style to dlhernandez@tribune.com. For Friday, we have Matt Hollander. Think he's a ringer for Danny Gokey? Text "twin" and the number of your opinion to **87708**. You'll get the poll results instantly.

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Dallas rocked by cage fight report

Associated Press

DALLAS Workers at a high school staged cage fights among troubled students, making them settle their differences with bare-knuckled brawls in a steel utility cage inside a boys locker room, school district documents show.

The principal and other employees at South Oak Cliff High “knew of the practice, allowed it to go on for a time, and failed to report it,” according to a 2008 report from the Dallas school district’s Office of Professional Responsibility. The documents were obtained by The Dallas Morning News for a story in its Thursday editions.

The report describes two instances of cage fighting between 2003 and 2005.

Dallas schools Superintendent Michael Hinojosa confirmed there were “some things that happened inside of a cage” and called the fights “unacceptable.”

No criminal charges have been filed in the case.

Former Principal Donald Moten denied the allegations, saying he had nothing to comment on because the fights never happened.

“That’s barbaric. You can’t do that at a high school. You can’t do that anywhere,” said Moten, who resigned in 2008. “Ain’t nothing to comment on. It never did happen. I never put a stop to anything because it never happened.”

But a middle school counselor who was fired from the high school and has filed a whistle-blower lawsuit said Moten and members of the school’s security staff encouraged the fights.

“It was gladiator-style entertainment for the staff,” said former South Oak Cliff employee Frank Hammond.

The dependables

Jaguar and Buick surged to the top of J.D. Power and Associates’ closely watched vehicle dependability study this year, tying for the No. 1 spot and dethroning Lexus for the first time since the Japanese luxury brand has been a part of the survey. Lexus took the next spot. The industry average was 170 problems per 100 vehicles.



Natasha Richardson
AP FILE

Simple fall, tragic ending

Richardson’s death shows caution must be taken with head injuries

Associated Press

At first, Natasha Richardson felt fine after she took a spill on a Canadian ski slope. But that’s not unusual for people who suffer traumatic head injuries like the one that killed the actress.

Doctors say sometimes patients with brain injuries have what’s called a “lucid interval” where they act fine for an hour or more as the brain slowly, silently swells or bleeds. Later, back at her hotel, Richardson became ill, complained of a headache, and was taken to a hospital. She died Wednesday in New York.

An autopsy Thursday showed that the 45-year-old actress suffered a blow to the head, which caused bleeding between the skull and the brain’s covering, called an epidural hematoma. It’s a type of injury often caused by a skull fracture.

Because of that lucid interval, doctors always tell patients who seem OK after a brain injury to have someone keep a close eye on them, in case symptoms emerge.

Symptoms—headache; loss of consciousness; vomiting; problems seeing, speaking or moving; confusion; drainage of a clear fluid from the nose or mouth—appear after enough pressure builds in the skull. By then it’s an emergency.

“Once you have more swelling, it causes more trauma which causes more swelling,” said Dr. Edward Aulisi, neurosurgery chief at Washington Hospital Center in the nation’s capital. “It’s a vicious cycle because everything’s inside a closed space.”

A CT scan can detect bleeding, bruising or the beginning of swelling after an injury. The challenge is for patients to know whether to seek one.

“If there’s any question in your mind whatsoever, you get a head CT,” Aulisi advised. “It’s the best 20 seconds you ever spent in your life.”

Details of Richardson’s treatment have not been disclosed.

News of Richardson’s death also renewed debate over whether helmets should be mandatory for snowboarders and downhill skiers, though it’s unclear whether a helmet could have saved her.

The National Ski Areas Association is not aware of any states that mandate helmets.

STARS HONOR RICHARDSON

“Natasha was brilliant, beautiful, funny, talented beyond measure, as emotionally raw as she was razor sharp. ... May Liam, her beautiful boys and her loving family hold her close as they move through this tragic moment.”
—Jodie Foster, who co-starred with Richardson and Liam Neeson in the 1994 drama “*Nell*”

“I just want to say how deeply saddened I am, we all are, by the sudden passing of actress Natasha Richardson. ... Yet another reminder of how fleeting life can be and how precious. We need to value every moment.”
—Oprah Winfrey, on her talk show

“She was a wonderful woman and actress and treated me like I was her own. ... My heart goes out to her family. This is a tragic loss.”
—Lindsay Lohan, who co-starred with Richardson in a remake of “*The Parent Trap*” in 1998



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It ain't easy being green-obsessed

O' snap.

The luck of the Irish is about to run out for real.

I'm loath to focus on fast food two weeks in a row, but this is serious business. This week, I went to two different McDonald's locations on two different days for Shamrock Shakes and came away empty-handed.

The employees at both stores handed me some line about broken shake machines, but in general, the seasonal Mickey D's treat seems to be fading faster this year. I blame an uptick in green greed.

Local demand for the frosty, Frango-ish beverage increased by 10 percent to 15 percent compared with the same period last year, a McDonald's spokesman, Rob Jackson, told me. In Chicago alone, an average McDonald's can serve up the equivalent of 1,500 16-ounce Shamrock shakes by St. Patrick's Day, according to Jackson.

Traditionally, the Shamrock supply—which pops up on menus in late February—dwindles around this time of month, Jackson said.

No kidding.

I took to the phones on Thursday and discovered that seven of the 10 McDonald's I called had stopped serving the shake.

And they didn't sound too sorry about it either.

One employee answered my inventory inquiry with a resounding “nope” that sent a Shamrock shiver down my spine.

Still, there are ways to cope if we can focus on something other than mint flavoring for a minute.

Shamrock shakedown

Root these drinks out, wherever they're hiding. Follow me at **twitter.com/kyrakyles** and I'll clue you in whenever I find a Sham-stocked location. Early hint: As of press time, the shakes still are available at 29 N. Wacker Drive and 230 S. State St., according to employees who answered the phone Thursday. You should tweet me intel too, but remember one rule: one shake per customer. You'll be tempted to double fist it, but if we all share, it will stretch out the supply.

Shamrock shuffle

We will never replicate McDonald's minty concoction, as closely guarded as KFC's original recipe and Harold's mild sauce. But a RedEye colleague tells me that Dairy Queen does a damn good impression of it. DQ's Mint Oreo Blizzard could tide us over at least through the end of March, according to a rep for Dairy Queen. If only Burger King could get into the act with a similar shake for April.

Get Sham-nesia

Forget our favorite shakes ... at least until next year. I hate this option as much as you do, but eventually we'll have to move on. If not, we risk annoying our less Sham-enthused friends.

But there's still a hint of mint to be had. So get your green on while you still can. Then, tweet or e-mail me so I can join you. I promise to do the same for my fellow Sham fans.

TALK TO US

How far would you go to get a Shamrock Shake? Tell Kyra at **kkyles@tribune.com**, and please don't forget your full name, age and neighborhood in case we run your comment in the paper.



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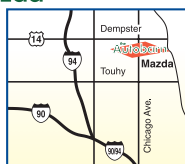
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James Peters tried to feed this meter in the Gold Coast on Thursday, but it refused to register his quarters. MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE

Twitter task force



Who better to ask about parking meter problems than Chicagoans? RedEye's Twitter followers had this to say:

@jenstuart27 Dearborn just north of Chicago, it was only giving half the time. So, after \$1, I only had 30 minutes instead of a whole hr.

@theseacow Besides my avg. of 2 tickets/wk they are often full of quarters from being overpriced & never emptied or display crazy text

@CorrinRenee the new pay boxes worked like a charm at clark and webster last night!

@EricGerrard yes, i live for failed meters.

@LevNaginsky yup \$50 ticket on lincoln last week, you're welcome chicago

@tangokjewelry you mean you actually put money in those things? LOL

You call this change?

Meters become a big pain, and it's giving Chicagoans a headache

Chicago Tribune

Chicago's abrupt transfer of parking meters to a private company has drivers and business owners angry about erroneous overcharges and confusing enforcement rules.

The problems come on top of a fourfold increase in rates at meters this year that has sent motorists searching for quarters in seat cushions and merchants complaining that the new on-street parking regulations have hurt their business.

During spot checks around the city, the Tribune found:

» Outdated fee and violation-enforcement information posted on many meters since the city switched from six parking zones to three.

» Meters that, regardless of what the stickers indicate, charge the wrong hourly rates for the zone in which they are located, increasing the chance of vehicles being ticketed. For example,

QUARTER LOVE

The increase in parking-meter rates this year means it takes eight quarters to park for two hours in city neighborhoods, 28 quarters to park for two hours in the Loop and 16 quarters in the central business district.

in the 1800 block of North Clybourn Avenue, an area where 25 cents is supposed to buy 15 minutes of parking time, meter No. 279089 provides only seven minutes for a quarter. A black marker was used to cover up the "15" on the meter's rate sticker with "7."

» A surge in broken meters, many over-stuffed with coins.

» Stepped-up writing of tickets for parking-meter violations.

"I put in a quarter and another quarter and nothing happened, so I'm putting in one more quarter before giving up," Sally Johnson, a Rogers Park resident, said as she tried to feed a meter recently on Wells Street downtown. The meter is in the Loop, where the new hourly rate is \$3.50. But the sticker gives the rate as the old one of \$1 for two hours.

Officials acknowledge that the number of calls from the public about parking-meter problems has increased since the Daley administration and Chicago Parking Meters LLC completed a sale of the city's approximately 36,000 meters Feb. 13. The companies declined to provide a summary of the calls they have received. "We haven't yet broken out what we consider a complaint or other communications," said Carissa Ramirez, a spokeswoman for Chicago Parking Meters.

But the company hopes to get a grip on the snafus soon, Ramirez said, adding, "We anticipate this transition period to be completed by April 10."

Chicago Parking Meters has six months to introduce cashless payment options, including credit cards, so that people don't have to carry around bundles of quarters.

Meanwhile, the number of malfunctioning meters—identified by "FAIL" in the digital window—appears to be increasing since on-street parking was outsourced.

At a meter at Wells and Hubbard Streets, where the hourly parking rate is \$3.50, the mismarked decal on the meter gives the rate as

30 minutes for each quarter. But that's no bargain because inserting quarters into the coin slot doesn't result in any time being credited, as the clock remains at "0:00."

Motorists should be able to park without being ticketed at a meter that says "FAIL," according to city officials.

"It's important for motorists to call in malfunctioning meters to 744-PARK or 311," Walsh said. "This can be used later as a defense to an issued ticket, if need be."

LAZ Parking also lists a phone number on the meters that have updated stickers, 877-242-7901.

Outdated information on some meter stickers makes drivers vulnerable to receiving tickets. The old stickers still in place erroneously say that meters must be fed only on weekdays; the new policy is that meter rates apply seven days a week and for more hours each day.

"Some meters say you got to pay until 9 p.m., and others say until 6 p.m.," said a city Revenue Department parking meter attendant who was making his rounds this week. "I'll tell you one thing: To be fair to drivers, I don't write no tickets after 6 p.m."



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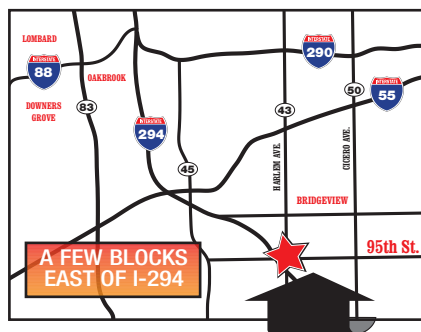
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Wrigley raises the bar

Wrigleyville took stock Thursday of a new, year-round sports bar that will spill out of Wrigley Field and be open by the Cubs' first home game April 13.

Without much fanfare, indoor renovations have been completed at what had been the Friendly Confines Cafe inside the ballpark. The new sports bar, to be run by Harry Caray's, will include that indoor space as well as a 7,000-square-foot patio featuring a 2,600-square-foot pavilion.

The year-round facility near the cobblestoned corner of Sheffield Avenue and Addison Street will increase commerce in a neighborhood already contending with 81 Cubs home games, playoffs the last two seasons, three evening summer concerts in a single week this summer, a proposed hotel

complex across the street and even a hockey game last January.

"The congestion," exclaimed Wrigleyville resident Kurt Govertsen as he stood across the street and watched construction. "My gut reaction was, 'God, it's one more thing.'"

The Cubs did not make a sketch of the project available Thursday, saying a formal announcement is likely next week.

Restaurant managers and the Cubs say the facility will be open to the public without a ticket. The Harry Caray statue will stand outside the patio area.

The sports bar's patio will run along a quarter of the block on Addison, enclosing a pair of trees behind planters and aluminum railing reminiscent of bleachers. The pavilion will have heaters and removable window

walls for cold and rainy days and ceiling fans for scorches.

The upgrade is expected to bring a new excitement to that area of the ballpark.

"It was a sleepy place, and I don't think it will be a sleepy place moving forward," said Ald. Thomas Tunney (44th). "It will be larger, and it will be classier and it will probably be used more than the Friendly Confines was used."

The project's quick pace—two months from permit application to projected completion—stunned even Wrigley Field insiders.

"It surprised us all," said John Vinci, a frequent consultant on Wrigley renovations.

"We had no inkling something like this was going on."

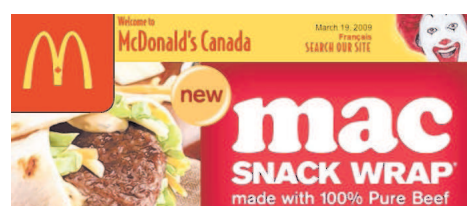
Whoa! What happened to your buns?

What do you get when you cross a Big Mac with a wrap? The Mac Snack Wrap.

The new concoction from McDonald's was rolled out on a temporary basis this week across Canada. McDonald's also has been test-marketing it since late 2008 in 400 U.S. restaurants.

The Snack Wrap Mac features the fixings of a Big Mac—a sliced burger patty, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickle and onions—but no sesame-seed bun. It's in a flour tortilla.

The newest wrap will be on the menu in



Canada through May 18. It's still "pretty early in the game" to tell whether it will become a full-time menu item, said Ron Christianson, a McDonald's Canada spokesman.

TWITTER WRAP-UP

Here's what RedEye's Twitter followers think about a Big Mac wrap. Order from RedEye's menu at **twitter.com/redeyechicago**.

@iwritegood: it's actually really good ... no lie. they were test marketing in Milwaukee

@kayla: I kept wondering when McDonald's was going to surpass the McGriddle.



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Age-appropriate Chicago

Give us your tired, your poor, your upwardly mobile, recently graduated twentysomethings.

Web site **gradspot.com** named Chicago the top city for recent college grads. (And the availability of Jaeger bombs didn't even factor into the rankings—surely we would've scored even higher.)

What gets lost in that news, however, is how Chicago accommodates everyone else. Who's to say we're not the best city for people of all ages?

With that in mind, RedEye counts the ways in which Chicago is best for every age bracket.

Thirtysomethings

For the slightly more established professional, the city offers wine bars, museums and world-class theater. And for those who don't want to grow up, there's Wrigleyville.

Fortysomethings

For the family on the go, Chicago offers a children's museum (location may vary), affordable public transit (availability may vary) and ample parking for the SUV (rates may vary).

Fiftysomethings

By now you've encountered a midlife crisis. Well, cougars and manthers, that's why there's a Viagra Triangle in the Gold Coast.

Sixtysomethings

You've worked long and hard, as your last blood pressure reading illustrates, and you deserve to treat yourself to one of the city's fine steakhouses or chocolatiers. And what the cardiologist doesn't know won't hurt him.

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Prostitution arrests jump 4.5 percent

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

One profession that seems to be recession-proof: Prostitution.

Prostitution-related arrests were up 4.5 percent in the first two months of the year, according to Chicago police.

In January and February, police made 584 arrests, up from 559 arrests during the same time period last year, Sgt. Antoinette Ursitti said.

Prostitution in the Chicago area got a lot of attention earlier this month when Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart sued Craigslist because he said the site's "erotic services" section knowingly facilitates prostitution.

Steve Patterson, a spokesman for Dart, said the Sheriff's Office has seen heavy prostitution activity in the Midway/Cicero area and near O'Hare.

A majority of the prostitution-related arrests by the Sheriff's Office occur in hotels and not on the streets because the encounters stem from Craigslist ads, Patterson said.

After a woman is arrested and charged with prostitution, the Sheriff's Office tries to help steer her to rehabilitation services under a new program to help crack down on prostitution activity. Patterson said the office employs three former prostitutes to help with the intervention.

"That is ultimately the key: breaking the cycle," Patterson said. "It's not to be busting girls walking the street corners and naively thinking it's going to go away. Let's make some arrests and try to get them some help and try to turn some lives around and get at the people behind it."

In a two-year study of Chicago prostitution released last year, University of Chicago economics professor Steven Levitt and Columbia University sociology professor Sudhir Venkatesh determined there are 4,400 prostitutes active on Chicago streets on an average week, and they earn between \$25 and \$30 an hour.

The prostitutes Levitt and Venkatesh studied were officially arrested only once per every 450 sex acts, they reported.

The study, which paid special attention to the neighborhoods of Pullman and Roseland, estimated almost half of the prostitution arrests by Chicago police occur on less than 1 percent of city blocks.

When mapped, there are 263 locations for prostitution-related arrests in Chicago in January and February.

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KEY TO THE MAP

The map shows the 263 locations for prostitution-related arrests in January and February, based on data from the Chicago Police Department. Many of these locations had multiple arrests.

NEIGHBORHOODS WITH MOST INCIDENTS

Austin	84
Auburn Gresham	67
Englewood	52
Garfield Ridge	46
South Shore	44

MAIN STREETS FOR PROSTITUTION

The Cook County Sheriff's Office identified these five areas as prostitution hot spots:

- » Mannheim Road in unincorporated Leyden Township
- » Madison Street in Chicago from Cicero Avenue to Kostner Avenue
- » Cicero Avenue in Chicago from I-290 to 17th Street
- » 47th Street in Chicago between Cicero Avenue and Pulaski Road
- » Various spots in Chicago Heights

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Obama touts energy plan

1 In Pomona, Calif., President Obama on Thursday said his administration's plans to invest heavily in energy research during hard times will create the kinds of jobs the U.S. needs to survive economically. Facing resistance to his budget and stimulus plans, Obama is shifting into full-blown campaign mode, including a White House news conference scheduled for Tuesday.

A ban on Brazilian waxes?

2 The New Jersey Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling is moving toward a ban on genital waxing after two women reported being injured following "Brazilian" bikini waxes. The board meets next on April 14 and will decide whether to move forward with banning the procedure.

iPhones, no contract required

AT&T will start selling iPhones without requiring a two-year contract, but they will cost \$400 more than those sold with contracts. Spokesman Michael Coe says AT&T will start selling the phones Thursday for \$599 and \$699, depending on memory capacity.

Diplomatic outcry

3 Southern African nations declared Thursday they will not recognize Madagascar's new leader, an army-backed politician who ousted an elected president. The U.S. said it would reconsider aid to the island nation.

U.S. journalists missing

4 Two American journalists were missing Thursday after they reportedly were detained in North Korea for ignoring warnings to stop shooting footage of the reclusive country. Journalists Laura Ling and Euna Lee are reporters for former Vice President Al Gore's online media outlet Current TV.

Video of '05 beating released

5 A video released this week by a central Connecticut police department shows a former officer pummeling an unresisting suspect with his fists in an expletive-laced beating that ends with the lawman shouting, "That was me being gentle!" The officer, Brian Lawlor, was fired three months after the 2005 incident.



THAR SHE BLOWS

6 An undersea volcano erupts about 6 to 7 miles) off the Tongatapu coast of Tonga, sending plumes of steam and smoke Wednesday hundreds of metres into the air. Tonga's head geologist, Kelepi Mafi, said there was no apparent danger to residents of Nuku'alofa and others living on the main island of Tongatapu. Officials also said it may be related to a 4.4-magnitude quake that struck the area in March 2008.

GETTY IMAGES

AIG House bill passes

7 **WASHINGTON** The Democratic-led House overwhelmingly approved a bill on Thursday to slap punishing taxes on big employee bonuses from AIG and other firms bailed out by taxpayers.

The bill would impose a 90 percent tax on bonuses given to employees with family incomes above \$250,000 at American International Group and other companies that have received at least \$5 billion in government bailout money.

The vote was 328-93.

The AIG bonuses totaled \$165 million, drawing public ire.

The margin of victory came despite sharp Republican attacks calling the legislation

TAX PROBLEMS TOO?

At least 13 firms receiving billions of dollars in bailout money owe a total of more than \$220 million in unpaid federal taxes, the chairman of a House subcommittee overseeing the federal bailout said Thursday. The committee said it could not legally release the names of the companies.

a legally questionable ploy to paper over Obama administration missteps.

Minority Leader John Boehner (R-Ohio) said the bill was "a political circus" diverting attention from why the administration hadn't done more to block the bonuses before they were paid.

Gardening with the Obamas

8 **WASHINGTON** Hopefully when the Obamas decide on a dog, it keeps its paws out of the garden.

First Lady Michelle Obama is scheduled to break ground Friday on a new garden near the fountain on the South Lawn that will supply the White House kitchen.

She will be joined by elementary school students who will stay involved with the project, including planting the fruits, vegetables and herbs and harvesting the crops later in the year.

Some of the items in the garden, according to the New York Times, will include cilantro, tomatillos and hot peppers (the Obamas are huge Mexican food fans). There will be at least five kinds of lettuce, in addition to spinach, chard, collards and black kale. There will be berries for dessert, unusual herbs such as anise hyssop and Thai basil. Oh, and two bee hives for honey.



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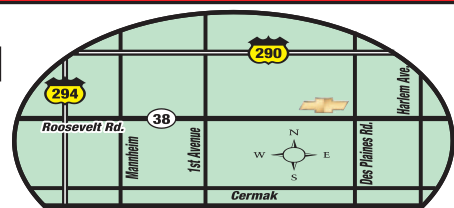
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Friday's games

SOUTH at Miami

» **Syracuse (26-9)**
vs. **Stephen F. Austin (24-7)**
11:15 a.m.

» **Arizona St. (24-9)**
vs. **Temple (22-11)**
30 minutes following

EAST at Boise, Idaho

» **Xavier (25-7)**
vs. **Portland St. (23-9)**
6:25 p.m.

» **Florida St. (25-9)**
vs. **Wisconsin (19-12)**
30 minutes following

at Dayton, Ohio

» **Oklahoma St. (22-11)**
vs. **Tennessee (21-12)**
11:25 a.m.

» **Pittsburgh (28-4)**
vs. **ETSU (23-10)**
30 minutes following

MIDWEST at Dayton, Ohio

» **Louisville (28-5)**
vs. **Morehead St. (20-15)**
6:10 p.m.

» **Ohio St. (22-10)**
vs. **Siena (26-7)**
30 minutes following

at Miami

» **Utah (24-9)**
vs. **Arizona (19-13)**
6:10 p.m.
» **Wake Forest (24-6)**
vs. **Cleveland St. (25-10)**
30 minutes following

at Minneapolis

» **Kansas (25-7)**
vs. **North Dakota St. (26-6)**
11:30 a.m.

» **West Virginia (23-11)**
vs. **Dayton (26-7)**
30 minutes following

» **Boston College (22-11) vs.**
Southern California (21-12)
6:20 p.m.

» **Michigan St. (26-6)**
vs. **Robert Morris (24-10)**
30 minutes following

WEST at Boise, Idaho

» **Marquette (24-9)**
vs. **Utah St. (30-4)**
11:30 a.m.

» **Missouri (28-6)**
vs. **Cornell (21-9)**
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Illinois' Mike Tisdale puts up a shot Thursday night against Matt Maresca of Western Kentucky. The Hilltoppers were leading the Illini at halftime of their first-round tournament game in Portland, Ore. GETTY IMAGES

WESTERN KENTUCKY 76, ILLINOIS 72

Hill-topped

Rally comes too late as Illinois falls victim to NCAA's biggest first-day upset

Chicago Tribune

PORTLAND, Ore. Suffice it to say the Illinois basketball season has changed course in the last year.

Expected to be no more than a middle-of-the-pack team, Illinois finished second in the Big Ten.

After myriad recruiting setbacks, coach Bruce Weber recruited a top-10 class for next season with another possibly on the way for the following year.

And, in a case of keeping up with the rest of the conference, Illini sophomore starters Mike Davis, Mike Tisdale and Demetri McCamey have given them mostly solid play.

"We've had a good season," Weber said before Thursday night's NCAA South regional opener against Western Kentucky. "Our kids, to a man, have improved. Hopefully, they still have some hunger and want to have success."

It turned out they didn't as No. 12 Western Kentucky upset the No. 5 Illini 76-72 to earn a second-round date against Gonzaga on Saturday. Illinois finished 24-10 with four losses in its last five games.

Calvin Brock made his third straight start in place of the injured Chester Frazier but sprinted to the locker room at the first timeout with 16 minutes, 27 seconds left in the half. He came back at the 15:04 mark.

Both teams started cold, with Illinois making only 2-of-9 shots and Western Kentucky only 2-of-8.

The Hilltoppers then got hot from outside, and a pair of 3-pointers from point guard Orlando Mendez-Valdez and one from Sergio Kerusch gave them an 18-11 lead on their way to a 37-28 halftime edge.

The Illini trailed 68-51 with 4:56 left before closing to 71-68 on a goaltending call on a McCamey layup with 32.8 seconds left. Steffphon Pettigrew made two free throws with 30.5 seconds left to push the lead back to five, but Trent Meacham hit a driving layup with 23 seconds to play to get it back to three.

A.J. Slaughter then split two free throws with 16.3 seconds left and Meacham again hit a layup to push his point total to a team-high 24 to make it 74-72. Anthony Sally's two from the line with 0.9 left sealed the Illini's fate.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

WEST REGION

- » No. 1 Connecticut 103, No. 16 Chattanooga 47
- » No. 2 Memphis 81, No. 15 Cal St.-Northridge 70
- » No. 4 Washington 71, No. 13 Miss. St. 58
- » No. 5 Purdue 61, No. 12 Northern Iowa 56
- » No. 10 Maryland 84, No. 7 California 71
- » No. 9 Texas A&M 79, No. 8 BYU 66

SOUTH REGION

- » No. 1 North Carolina 101, No. 16 Radford 58
- » No. 2 Oklahoma 82, No. 15 Morgan St. 54
- » No. 4 Gonzaga 77, No. 13 Akron 64
- » No. 12 Western Kentucky 76, No. 5 Illinois 72
- » No. 10 Michigan 62, No. 7 Clemson 59
- » No. 8 LSU 75, No. 9 Butler 71

EAST REGION

- » No. 2 Duke 86, No. 15 Binghamton 62
- » No. 3 Villanova 80, No. 14 American 67
- » No. 5 UCLA 65, No. 11 VCU 64
- » No. 7 Texas 76, No. 10 Minnesota 62

Forget the madness, I'm just mad

Let's get it on with some crazy March Madness.

It's tournament time, of course, and that means all our local teams are busy with the postseason.

Let's see how they stack up around here.

The DePaul Blue

Demons: 0-18 in the Big East Conference this season, finishing 16th out of 16 teams. Wow. Their first games are this weekend, watching others play from Lincoln Park.

The Loyola Ramblers: Went 14-18 this season. They also will be enjoying the games from their campus.

The UIC Flames: Much more respectable here. 16-15 overall, losing to Cleveland State in the Horizon League tournament. I'm not sure what's really on UIC's horizon, to be honest.

The point is this is pathetic. What these stats tell me is that here in Chicago, where at least a decent amount of high school basketball players reside, we can't scrape together one good team.

Wait, I forgot. The Illini. Fair enough. But who wants to drive three hours in a cornfield to see good basketball?

I'm talking local here. Quick. Name me the three coaches of the three programs I just dissed for you.

Buzz, time's up. Jimmy Collins coaches the Flames, Jim Whitesell coaches the Ramblers, and Jerry Wainwright is somehow still coaching the Blue Demons.

Good lord, we need to raise some profiles around here. It can't be that difficult. I would think just about anyone would want to come here, recruit here, build a program here, you know, get the great Chicago high school talent here.

Unless, that's the myth. Maybe Chicago high school talent isn't all that great anymore. Hmm, I'm thinking that's it. Yeah, that's what I'm going with.

Oh, I forgot Northwestern. Our Wildcats finished 17-14. They made it to the NIT. And they lost to Tulsa.

If they held a citywide tournament, I'm betting nobody would win. **BAG BOY IS A**

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Cursed brackets

The NCAA tourney is called March Madness because so many wild things happen during the games. Exhibit A: Illinois. But it's Madness also because those same unpredictable games destroy fans' brackets and make them so angry they freak the [bleep] out. This year is no different. Thursday's games didn't exactly follow the script, so RedEye rated five of them based on how damaging—or nearly damaging—they were to brackets. **REDEYE**

- KEY:**
- Tear it up; you're done
 - Pick by mascot next time
 - Kiss your pool goodbye
 - You're still alive—for now

No. 10 Maryland 84
No. 7 California 71
 Unless you subscribe to the theory that basketball teams from out West aren't as good as teams in the rest of the country, you likely picked Cal.

No. 9 Texas A&M 79
No. 8 BYU 66
 The West strikes again. You could have gotten this one right if you researched and found out the Aggies beat BYU last year in the tourney.

No. 8 LSU 75
No. 9 Butler 71
 Trust us, millions of brackets across the country had Butler, the school with a giant-killer rep, winning this one.

No. 2 Memphis 81
No. 15 CS Northridge 70
 If you've got Memphis in the Final Four—or, bless your heart, winning the championship—this close call cannot sit well.

No. 10 Michigan 62
No. 7 Clemson 59
 Who saw this one coming? Who cares. Oklahoma will wipe out this fluke Saturday.

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1 After one day of play, how's your bracket holding up?	I knew I shouldn't have picked my nose.	Better than That Guy's belt. Pants party!	I'm scared to look. But I'm sure Tracy will let me know if she's beating me.	Give me Morehead, or give me death.	Like a house of cards.
2 How much work did you get done yesterday?	Work?	High-fiving is work. A fan job is still a job.	Uh ... I'd tell you, but then you'd have to get me a new job.	I was at Madhatter's Ball till 5 a.m., so a lot.	About as much work as the Blackhawks goalies.
3 What has happened to the Blackhawks?	They better be lulling us into a false sense of freaking out. Because I am freaking out!	Things just keep getting Wirtz.	They've been gripped by the Cubs curse. Maybe they need a KFC statue too.	The Cubs called, and they want their defeatist attitude back.	I don't know, but if the swag doesn't pick up I'm punching KANE!
4 Break down Saturday's Slaughter at Wisconsin game.	I read that sentence three times and still don't know what it means.	Michael Vick taught us that nothing good happens when Slaughter meets Wolfpack.	Well, they're going up against the Wolfpack. Sounds messy.	Lindsay Lohan, what does Samantha Ronson have that I don't? No, really, what is it?	There will be blood, Steve McMichael will shout "I drink your milkshake."
5 Manny Ramirez played cricket the other day. What else should he play?	Leapfrog.	Hurt. He should play even when he's a hot Manny mess.	Frolf. Mostly I like the name.	Pictionary. That game is soooo much fun.	Hooky.

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I survived the opening day of the NCAA tourney. Not me literally, I was never in any danger, but my bracket. Chances are it won't last the weekend, though. Kind of like the Blackhawks, the way they are playing now. Here now, my TV picks.

NCAA TOURNAMENT First-round games

11 a.m.-4 p.m.,
6-11 p.m., CBS

Day 2 can't be better than Day 1, can it? Of course, it's MADNESS!

NHL Blackhawks vs. Edmonton

7:30 p.m. CSN

Suddenly, these are must-wins if the Hawks want home-ice advantage.

BASEBALL Cubs vs. Padres

3 p.m. WGN

The regular season is tantalizingly close, so this is how the Cubs might look.



The Chicago Fire's Brian McBride (left) will turn 37 in June. **AP FILE**

Fire burns again

The question isn't whether the Fire has the pieces to win an MLS Cup title this year. The question is whether the Fire can put those pieces together.

Here are five questions heading into the Fire's season, which begins Saturday at FC Dallas.

How much longer can Brian McBride and Cuauhtemoc Blanco keep it up?

McBride and Blanco have remained effective and healthy in their mid-30s, but Blanco turned 36 in January and McBride turns 37 in June.

Can Coach Denis Hamlett juggle a loaded roster?

Coaches say it's a good problem when they have a lot of depth and have to make tough lineup decisions. At the same time, it could lead to more tinkering than is necessary. "Denis has always been good at figuring out the best position for each player," Fire defender Bakary Soumare said.

Can the Fire beat the Crew in the playoffs?

The Fire is bringing back nearly the same team that finished 13-10-7 in the regular season and lost 2-1 to the Crew in the conference final. Why would the result be any different this time around? "We had a lot of ups and downs last season which cost us home-field advantage," said Fire defender Gonzalo Segares.

Just how good is Chris Rolfe?

Rolfe led the Fire in scoring in two of his first four seasons but has never scored more than nine goals in a season. This could be the year when we really see what he is capable of.

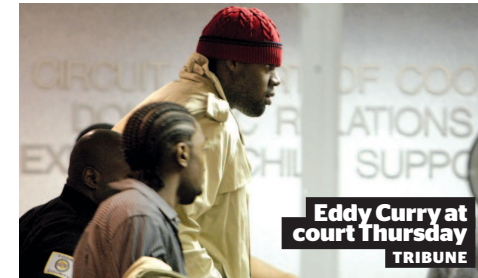
Will Marco Pappa become a regular in the starting lineup?

At just 21, he's quick and versatile and could be the spark the Fire needs off the bench. "He's getting more confident every game and is causing a lot of trouble for other teams," Segares said.

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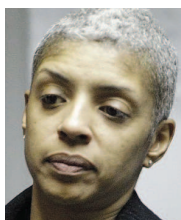
THURSDAY'S RESULTS

- » Cubs 9, Seattle (ss) 2
- » San Francisco 6, White Sox 4



Grandmother decides to turn over Curry's son

The grandmother of Eddy Curry's 3-year-old son has decided to transfer the boy to Curry's family after hours of defying a Cook County judge's order, according to a statement released Thursday night by the grandmother's family.



Henry

Earlier in the day, Yolanda Henry told the Tribune after a custody hearing that she planned to disobey a Cook County judge's order to turn the boy over to the New York Knicks player and that she considered herself to be on the run. She said she was trying to protect Noah Henry, not kidnap him. Henry has had custody of the boy since her daughter and infant granddaughter were fatally shot in their Chicago home in January.

Henry and Curry's attorneys didn't immediately return messages from The Associated Press.

ONE-LINERS

- » Cleveland Browns wide receiver Donte' Stallworth was driving drunk when he struck and killed a pedestrian, according to published and broadcast reports Thursday.
- » Annika Sorenstam announced on her blog Thursday that she and her husband, Mike McGee, are expecting their first child this fall.
- » A federal prosecutor Thursday said that shortstop Miguel Tejada should get probation and no prison time for misleading Congress about the use of performance-enhancing drugs.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

weekend best bets

By Beth Geraci
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Hoopng mad

With the Big Dance under way, it's time to set your sights on bars hosting **March Madness hoopla**. Here's the ticket: Root for your favorite team over \$4 Miller Lite stadium cups and \$5 wings at Illini-backing Schoolyard Tavern & Grill (3258 N. Southport Ave.), or hit up The Fifty/50 (2047 W. Division St.) to watch the tourney on 16 screens, while sipping themed cocktails and getting your bracket stamped for a shot at prizes. Kroll's South Loop (1736 S. Michigan Ave.) gets in the game with giveaways, \$5 20-ounce Miller Lites and more than 20 screens, including four jumbo projections. Hours vary. Friday-Sunday. No cover. Find more parties at metromix.com



Schoolyard Tavern & Grill
FILE FOR METROMIX

PARTY PICKS

Rapper's delight

Pittsburgh Slim gives Lumen's rap scene a phat injection as the Def Jam hip-hopper sings such hits as "Girls Kiss Girls" and the new "My Bitch is Crazy," his single from "The Bleeding" movie soundtrack. DJ Bizzy gets the party started spinning hip-hop and remixes. 9 p.m. Friday. \$20. Free before 11 p.m. with RSVP. 839 W. Fulton Market, 312-733-2222. RSVP: info@lumen-chicago.com

Feeling Fischy?

Electro-dance fans won't want to miss tonight's DJ set by **Fischerspooner** (Warren Fischer and Casey Spooner). The New York synth duo spins electro-New Wave beats starting at midnight to benefit Al Gore's environmental initiative, We Can Solve It. Midnight Friday; doors open at 9 p.m. \$10-\$20. Debonair Social Club, 1575 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-227-7990. RSVP for reduced cover: rsvp@debonairsocialclub.com



Easy Bar
FILE FOR METROMIX

Benefit bender

Lending a hand to charity is as easy as raising a glass at **Crawl for a Cause**. The Wicker Park barhop offers drink specials at six bars, including \$2.50 Miller Lite bottles at Easy Bar (1944 W. Division St.), \$4 shots at Moonshine (1824 W. Division St.) and more. Start at Gold Star Bar (1755 W. Division St.) for \$2 Schlitz cans, and listen up at 8:30 p.m. at The Fifty/50 (2047 W. Division St.) for your chance to win pairs of tickets to the Crosstown Classic (\$5 per raffle ticket). 4 p.m. Saturday. \$10-\$15 benefits The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Gold Star Bar, 1755 W. Division St. 815-243-5749.

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Metromix's top party picks

KREM

7 p.m.: The Pink Party. Dress in flirty pink for a benefit party and silent auction. A \$40 package includes appetizers and an open bar. \$10; 1750 N. Clark St. 312-932-1750.

ENCLAVE

8 p.m.: Spring Fling. The benefit party features an open bar (8-10 p.m.), food and a dance performance by Platinum Events. \$30-\$40; 220 W. Chicago Ave. 312-274-5529.



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THE GRIFFIN LOUNGE

9 p.m.: The Party. A weekly dance party at the lounge also known as Climax features DJ sets. No cover. RSVP required: **vip@maxwellandcarter.com**; 326 W. Chicago Ave. 312-280-9800.

Friday deals and parties

BELLY'S BAR & GRILL

\$5 3 Olive cocktails, \$5 chicken sandwiches; 3210 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-3632.

BERLIN

\$1 off p.i.n.k. vodka drinks, \$3 Bacardi bombs, DJ Greg Haus spins. \$5 after 11 p.m.; 954 W. Belmont Ave. 773-348-4975.

BUTTERFLY SOCIAL CLUB

\$3 PBR can-and-shot deal, \$4 select organic beers; 722 W. Grand Ave. 312-666-1695.

CITYSCAPE BAR

11 a.m.: National Proposal Day. Get in the mood to pop the big question with drink specials such as \$7 Skyline Proposal martinis (Skyy or Skyy Citrus vodka, Triple Sec, lime juice and cranberry juice), \$7 Wedding Bell martinis (Absolut Vanilla, amaretto, white creme de cacao, pineapple juice and cranberry juice) and \$20 Freixenet Blanc de Blanc Secco bottles. No cover; 350 W. Mart Center Drive Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, 15th Floor. 312-836-5000.

CRIMSON LOUNGE

9 p.m.: DJ Lee Michaels spins. No cover; 333 N. Dearborn St. Hotel Sax. 312-923-2453.

DRINKS OVER DEARBORN

7 p.m.: The Boozehound Presents: Bourbon. Includes samples from Old Pogue, Willett Family Reserve, W. L. Weller, Maker's Mark, Booker's and George T. Stagg. \$25. Reservations required; 650 N. Dearborn St. 2nd Floor. Ring buzzer to enter. 312-337-9463.

THE FIFTY/50

March Madness at the Fifty/50. Watch NCAA basketball games on 16 flat screens while sipping \$3 Coors Light bottles and themed cocktails such as the \$6 Dick Vitale-ity. Food specials include \$10 oysters on the half shell, \$10 shrimp cocktails and more. Bring in a Fifty/50 NCAA bracket and get it stamped for a chance to win tickets to the Crosstown Classic, a Derrek Lee jersey and other prizes. No cover; 2047 W. Division St. 773-489-5050.

HIGH DIVE

\$2.50 PBR bottles, \$3.50 beer-of-the-month pints, \$5 Maker's Mark cocktails, \$5 burgers with fries; 1938 W. Chicago Ave. 773-235-3483.

HUB 51

10 p.m.: DJ Mr. Joshua spins upstairs. No cover; 51 W. Hubbard St. 312-828-0051.

JUNIOR'S

\$1 domestic bottles; 724 W. Maxwell St. 312-421-2277.

LEG ROOM

10 p.m.: Amber Smith appearance. As seen on VH1's "Celebrity Rehab Presents Sober House," the model signs autographs and poses for photos. Includes a vodka tasting (11 p.m.-1 a.m.) and drink specials such as \$5 Marani South Beach martinis, \$4 Bacardi mojito bottles and \$7 Long Island iced teas. \$10, free for ladies before midnight; 7 W. Division St. 312-337-2583.

LUMEN

9 p.m.: Pittsburgh Slim. The rapper performs his new single "My Bitch is Crazy," featured on "The Bleeding" movie soundtrack. DJ Bizzy spins hip-hop and remixes. \$20. Free before 11 p.m. with RSVP: **info@lumen-chicago.com**; 839 W. Fulton Market. 312-733-2222.

MAXBAR

Recession-Buster Friday. \$1 cocktails, \$2 beer bottles, \$500 midnight cash drop; 2247 N. Lincoln Ave. 312-266-1900.

ROCKIT BAR & GRILL

11 a.m.: March Madness. Half-price select appetizers, \$16 Bud buckets; 22 W. Hubbard St. 312-645-6000.

SOIREE

\$3 Corona bottles and cocktails, \$5 Maker's Mark shots, half-price appetizers; 2438 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-477-8880.

THE SPREAD

9 p.m.: Seventh Annual March Mania Party. Watch NCAA basketball games on more than 20 screens and root for your favorite team. A \$30 package includes drinks until midnight. Raffle tickets (\$10 each, three for \$25) include prizes such as Final Four tickets and a flat-screen HDTV. No cover; 2476 N. Lincoln Ave. 312-698-5424.

UNCLE FATTY'S RUM RESORT

\$1 Bud Light drafts, \$4 Red Stripe, Land Shark, Modelo and Pacifico bottles, \$15 mini-pitchers, live music and DJs spin 9 p.m. No cover; 2833 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-477-3661.

VISION NIGHTCLUB

9 p.m.: Imagination 2009: The White Party. Armin Van Buuren, ranked by DJ Magazine as the No. 1 DJ in the world for 2008, celebrates the release of his new album "Imagine: The Remixes." VIP tickets (\$59) include express entry, balcony access and a cocktail. \$29-\$59. Tickets: **wantickets.com**; 632 N. Dearborn St. 312-266-3333.



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5	"Love Story" Taylor Swift	11
6	"Diva" Beyonce	16
7	"Right Round" Flo Rida	8
8	"Beautiful" Akon	14
9	"Poker Face" Lady GaGa	6
10	"Halo" Beyonce	18

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9	"Halo" Beyonce	17
10	"Just Dance" Lady GaGa	9

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SCORE TICKETS

Katy Perry and Lady GaGa (below) have more in common than retro fashion sense and the honor of a Grammy nomination. They both are performing sold-out shows at the House of Blues (329 N. Dearborn St.) next week. We have a couple ideas that may score you a ticket.

Call: Ticketmaster (312-559-1212) or the House of Blues box office (312-923-2000) every day—even the day of the show. A limited number of tickets are sometimes released.

Go alone: Retail ticket outlets such as Carson Pirie Scott sometimes have single tickets available.

Katy Perry performs 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Tickets are \$16. Lady GaGa performs at 6 and 10:30 p.m. Tuesday. Tickets are \$22. **TRIBUNE**



Manic Mannequin

A day in the life of ferocious foursome

Chicago Tribune

The Mannequin Men, a primal quartet that got together in 2003, have a hard-won reputation as a ferocious live act. With that in mind, we spoke to singer/guitarist Kevin Richard about the group's concert routine, from the morning-of preparations to the post-show comedown.

12 hours before showtime

Pre-concert preparation is contingent on the show's location. When performing locally, the band members go to work as usual, putting off any musical concerns until showtime draws near. But, when hitting the road, they stow away instruments and gas up the van.

3-4 hours before showtime

The timing of sound check varies by venue, but the Mannequin Men typically use the time to work through a couple of songs that they actually plan on playing. "You do a song that you know will benefit you, rather than pulling out some funny cover to try and impress the sound guy," Richard says. "That said, the guys hate it when I play 'Sweet Home Alabama,' because I only know the opening riff. Every time I plug in my guitar, that's the first thing I play."

1-3 hours before showtime

With time to kill before the gig, the band members usually will hang out in the club. "We'll kick back and use up all our drink tickets," Richard says. "If there's a hockey game on, we'll walk and try to find somewhere to watch it." So, they're all big Blackhawks fans? "Oh yeah. Raging."

5-10 minutes before showtime

This is when the band throws together the evening's set list, putting particular emphasis on the opening and closing songs. And what does the band look for in its opener? "You want to do something that's going to get you ready to play. It's not the time to break out something mellow." And the closer? "We tend to get a little more sentimental. Going out with a bang doesn't work for us. It's the cool-down. It's like a good workout."

Showtime

Despite the fact the band has been playing live for more than six years, Richard still keeps his eyes closed onstage ("I get all nervous with people looking at me"). And, frequently, those are the only thoughts going through his head. "You're not thinking about anything [onstage] really," Richard says. "It does help to know that even if everyone in the room hates you, there are still three people getting in the van with you afterwards that are going to be nice to you."

Post-concert

Depending on the night, there might be more alcohol to consume (weeknight shows, though rare, call for moderation). Then, of course, there are fans to meet and greet. "I'm notorious for asking everyone in the crowd how the show was. I can't stop myself from doing it, and I wish I could," Richard says. "Everyone I go up to I'm thinking, 'Don't ask how the show was. Don't ask how the show was.' 'Hey, how was the show?' Gah!"

Mannequin Men

When: 9 p.m. Wednesday

Where: Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave.

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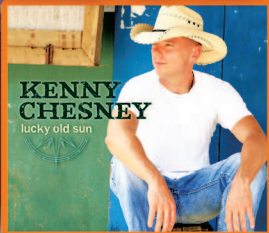
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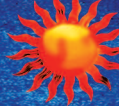
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THE BRO CODE

Jason Segel, Paul Rudd get to the heart of male bonding in 'I Love You, Man'

By Matt Pais

Ask Jason Segel and Paul Rudd why they work so well together in films such as "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" and "Knocked Up" and they gush about mutual trust and respect.

For most fans, though, one undeniable thing matters about these guys: They make a freaking hilarious team.

That's never been more evident than in the consistently laugh-out-loud "I Love You, Man," opening Friday. Rudd plays Peter, a real estate agent who's engaged (to Zooey, played by Rashida Jones) but has no male friends to fill out his wedding party. So he embarks on a man date-filled search to find a BFF and stumbles into a bromance with Sydney (Segel), who teaches Peter to loosen up and be more aggressive.

Sydney also makes Peter's better half jealous.

In a swank penthouse dorm room at Columbia College, which served as ground zero for the duo's recent promotional stop, Rudd and Segel talked about the weirdness of male relationships, the actors' status as "comedy legends" and useful rules for your own bromance.

Jason, what's it like knowing that, thanks to "Forgetting Sarah Marshall," everyone you meet for the rest of your life has seen you naked?

Jason Segel: I actually like it. It's all out in the open. I've already weeded out women who are looking for guys with a good body. It sort of works in my favor to some extent.

Does it make you think, "Why bother getting dressed at all?"

JS: I would be scared of jail.

Why?

Paul Rudd: Because everyone knows plenty of inmates have seen "Forgetting Sarah Marshall."

JS: [And how do you think you're going to fare] if you're naked in jail?



"I Love You, Man" revolves around the weirdness of male relationships. How do you assess that weirdness?

JS: You know what's weird is like, for example, the topic of sex. I think this whole "locker room talk" thing is a myth. I think that's women's perception of what men are like.

PR: I think so.

JS: I've been in locker rooms; I've been around dudes. I'm sure there's guys [who do this], but I've never been friends with the guys who are like, (in deep voice) "Dude, I was with this chick last night ..." You eavesdrop on girl conversations and they will say the most graphic details. I've met friends of girls who I've dated, and they'll be like, "I know about you, Mr. Kinky Pants!"

PR: Mr. "Right [Bleep] Hangs Lower Than His Left One." It is so true. Guys don't really ...

Then what's a truth about men that women should know?

PR: I can only speak for Jason, and this will come as no shock: We don't really fit that kind of generic

macho male stereotype.

JS: No. I think that men are less reticent to commitment than women think. I think men get kind of excited about it and then women start acting a little weird.

PR: That might just be Jason.

JS: I'm just desperately looking for a girlfriend.

Complete this analogy: Paul Rudd is to Jason Segel as ...

JS: As Danny DeVito is to Arnold Schwarzenegger.

PR: I think so. I think you gotta go back to the cover of "Twins."

What goes through your head when you see yourselves on the Vanity Fair cover with the inside headline declaring you "Comedy's New Legends"?

JS: I think that "Comedy's New Legends" is a real overstatement. I've done one successful movie.

PR: I see that and go, "And the backlash continues."



'I Love You, Man'

!!!! Who's In It: Jason Segel, Paul Rudd, Rashida Jones, Jaime Pressly

What it's about: Peter Klaven (Rudd) is getting married to Zooey (Jones), but he has no male friend close enough to be his best man. So he sets out to find a BFF, possibly in a semi-slacker named Sydney (Segel).

Worth watching? "Even though 'I Love You, Man' supplies plenty of cringes, it also has overtones of warmth and undertones of real humor, and two stars—Paul Rudd and Jason Segel—who do what they do with aplomb." **JOHN ANDERSON, NEWSDAY**

What would be a more appropriate label?

PR: "Comedy's Out-of-Shape Guys."

JS: Yeah! Or, "Paul Rudd, Seth Rogen, Jonah Hill and Who?" I would have enjoyed that as the headline.

PR: I look at that and just go, "I really got lucky in getting cast in the Tom Ford role."

JS: This guy got to wear a suit. I had to wear a silk body stocking.

Jason, you've said George Clooney is the man you could never be. What's a piece of advice that you could give him?

PR: I don't think you give advice to George Clooney. You just take advice.

There must be something you guys know that he doesn't know.

JS: I mean, like, maybe how to meet girls on Craigslist.

PR: I bet he doesn't know how to do that.

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Paul Rudd and Jason Segel
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Brotherly advice

Jason Segel and Paul Rudd gave us some advice about the do's, don'ts and maybes of starting a bromance. Watch video excerpts from this interview at metromix.com. **M.P.**

GYM ACTIVITIES

Jason Segel: My "don't" would be homosexual sex in the sauna.

Paul Rudd: My "don't" would be don't let your buddy be the second guy to climb the rope ... You know what's so weird, I was thinking of like grade school gym class.

JS: What kind of men are going to an elementary school gym class, you pervert?

PR: What's wrong with going to an elementary school gym class and climbing a rope? I think I misunderstood the question.

RESTAURANTS

JS: I don't think there [are] any no's on restaurants. Maybe like a French bistro. But even then, I feel like we'd have a good time at a French bistro.

PR: Yeah, I think so too.

JS: Do: definitely a steakhouse.

PR: Absolutely.

JS: That's a great, great guy outing.

PR: What's a maybe? Japanese food?

JS: Oh, like a vegan joint. You ain't going to catch Jason Segel at no vegan joint, Jack!

PR: A don't would probably be Sal's Testicle Emporium. [pause] I can't tell, was that funny?

JS: Yeah, Sal's Testicle Emporium. It was great.

OUTDOORS

JS: A nice game of outdoor basketball.

PR: That's about as do as you can get.

JS: You can totally do that.

PR: What's a maybe?

JS: A maybe is a hike. A hike can be OK, but it's a little datish, isn't it?

PR: What about ... rollerblading?

JS: Rollerblading's a don't.



WORD ASSOCIATION

We asked Jason Segel and Paul Rudd, stars of "I Love You, Man," to play the quick-fire game. **M.P.**

- » **Bromance:** Tacky (JS); Jenner (PR)
- » **Men:** Women (JS); Ladies (PR)
- » **Women:** Sex (JS); Men (PR)
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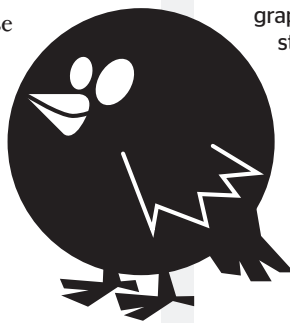
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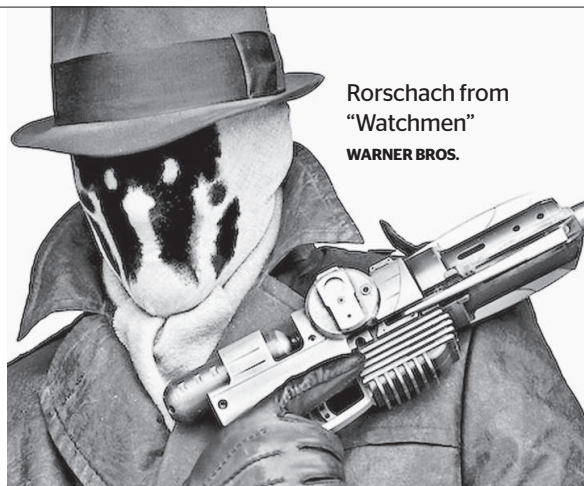
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Watchmen

@davidbadash Long, good songs. Amazing graphics, graphic sex, sexy. Good story, gory, not too whorey. Awesome. A blue penis.

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The Reader

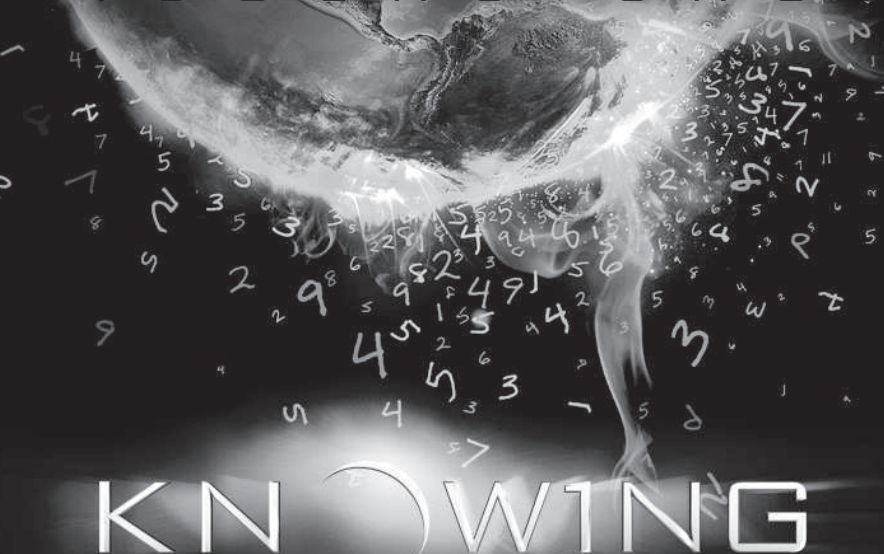
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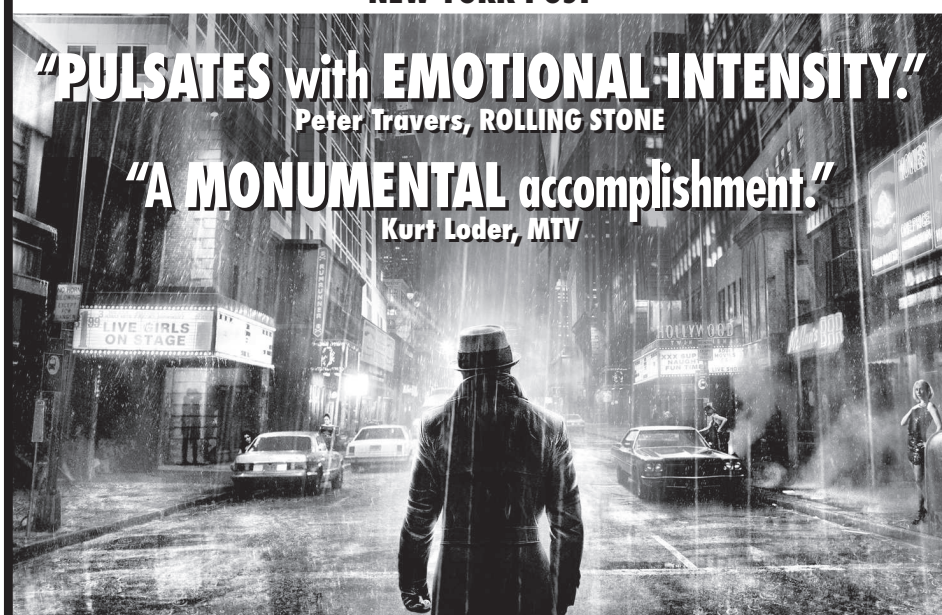
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Blunt keeps it clean

The Orlando Sentinel

Emily Blunt is British to the core, London-born, a veteran of the West End stage and many a BBC TV production.

But in spite of breakout work in her native accent in films such as “The Devil Wears Prada,” Blunt is finding her greatest fame on the big screen in playing Americans. In “Charlie Wilson’s War,” “The Jane Austen Book Club” and the new film “Sunshine Cleaning,” Blunt leaves her Britishness at home and becomes as American as the best of us.

“If you’re in America a lot, it’s easy to get into playing American,” she says. “All of it, the sounds, the energies, all very different.

“But it’s really hard to do the accent. I tend to try and stay in it all day, which is the only way I can manage it. Tonally, the stresses you people put on different parts of words, it’s worlds apart from what I grew up with.”

Blunt, 26, says it’s not just the voice she has to change.

“Americans are a lot more open, of course,” Blunt says. “There’s something more declamatory in the way you express emotions. It’s a stereotype but it’s true. British people can appear repressed in expressing emotions. Not very good at self-evaluating or affirming situations, touching, anything like that.”

For “Sunshine Cleaning,” opening Friday, Blunt used every bit of American she could summon up. She and Amy Adams play sisters, members of the working poor who find a niche in cleaning up crime scenes. Blunt’s Norah may be the most damaged character the actress has ever played—angry, confused and flat broke.

“She’s kooky and left-of-center and complicated and vulnerable and not like me at all,”

Amy Adams (left) and Emily Blunt play sisters in “Sunshine Cleaning.”
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Blunt says of Norah. “All of the characters in this movie are yearning for more, in some way, than the trench that life has plopped them in. The script is so quirky and original, the idea of having them clean up after violent deaths as a way of coming to grips with the death of their mother. Heartwarming.”

Blunt’s 2009 already has been eventful. She was courted to play the Russian villain Black Widow in the much-hyped “Iron Man” sequel but had to give up the part when Fox leaned on her to co-star with Jack Black in a film of “Gulliver’s Travels.”

Blunt’s upcoming role as the title

character in “The Young Victoria” may make her reputation. It may be hard to think of Queen Victoria as anyone other than the grim-faced matriarch presiding over England’s Imperial glory dressed in black, with a hint of a mustache on her stiff upper lip.

“Nooo, I had mine waxed off for this one!” Blunt laughs. “I think what I’m most excited about are people’s perceptions changing about her by seeing her as a rebellious young girl who is in love and in a job in which she’s in way over her head. I think that will make her someone a lot of people can identify with.”



Blunt
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FAST PAISED Sunshine Cleaning

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Cleaning up violent crime scenes? Like, eww. But it’s a lucrative opportunity for Rose (Amy Adams), a former head cheerleader who’s now working as a maid, taking care of her troubling son, Oscar (Jason Spevack), and sleeping with her ex-boyfriend, Mac (Steve Zahn), who married someone else. Emily Blunt co-stars as Rose’s ne’er-do-well sister Norah, and Alan Arkin is their widower father Joe.

The verdict:

Adams is simply extraordinary, turning every moment into a highly affecting tug-of-war between the past and the future. The movie can’t resist various indie clichés (Joe’s strange pastimes, Oscar’s habit of licking things) and ends abruptly. Yet that feels strangely right.

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- International (R) 5:30 P.M.
- Coraline 3D (PG) ♦ 10:40,1:10,3:45,6:30,9:10,11:50
- He's Just Not (PG-13) 10:25,1:35,4:35,7:35
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- Witch Mount (PG) 12:00,2:15,4:30,6:45,9:00
- Coraline 3D (PG) 12:15,2:30,4:45,7:00,9:15
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- Knowing (PG-13) ★ 11:35,1:10,2:20,4:05,5:30,7:00,8:25,9:50
- Sunshine Clean (R) ★ 12:00,1:15,2:30,3:45,5:00,6:15,7:30,8:45,10:00
- Coraline 3D (PG) 2:10,7:35
- He's Just Not (PG-13) 1:10
- Jonas Brothers (G) 11:40,4:55,10:05
- Last House (R) ★ 11:40,2:25,5:05,7:40,10:20
- Miss March (R) ★ 4:15,10:05
- Witch Mount (PG) ★ 11:30,12:45,2:00,3:15,4:35,5:45,7:00,8:15,9:30
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Cage in "Knowing"
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As if numbers didn't already bear enough bad news lately, Astrophysics professor John (Nicolas Cage) discovers a 50-year-old numeric sequence that has accurately predicted the date, location and number of victims for all of the world's major tragedies—from hotel fires to 9/11—and forecasts more to come. While John tries to prevent terrorism and environmental collapse, his son Caleb (Chandler Canterbury) communicates with "The Whisper People," a group of weirdos who hang out in the woods and may not be from this planet.

The verdict: Oh. Come. On. Director Alex Proyas knows better than to exploit legitimate societal concerns and real-life horrors for genre-melding mush that seems like it was made up on the fly. The increasingly strange "Knowing" doesn't go where you think it will, but the places it goes are completely misguided and meaningless. Cage isn't the movie's Achilles' heel for a change, as he effectively travels between anger, curiosity and fear. But the movie's too ridiculous to be taken seriously and too serious to be dismissed as mindless trash.

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KNOWING
(PG-13)



Mind games are rarely this fun. The latest from writer-director Tony Gilroy ("Michael Clayton") sparkles with smarts. You'll delight in chasing after the cons. As rival spies and occasional lovers, Julia Roberts and Clive Owen trade banter like romantic jousters—while Gilroy moves the characters like chess pieces on a board even they don't understand. It's a splendid, lightweight lark.

DUPLICITY
(PG-13)



Are movies trying to destroy the travel industry completely? If so, this pathetically inept horror flick won't do the trick. Murky, contrived and wayyyy too long, it's scary bad.

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Hanks lucks out with 'Buck Howard'

Chicago Tribune

In the new indie comedy "The Great Buck Howard," John Malkovich plays an aging magician who gets a brief moment back in the limelight. Colin Hanks stars as his beleaguered road manager and personal assistant.

Hanks, 31, has had roles in everything from "King Kong" to "Orange County" and even the TV series "Mad Men." But he might be recognizable for another reason—as Tom Hanks' eldest son—a circumstance he's not always fully comfortable with as he pursues his own acting career.

Last fall, he was in town drumming up press for "The Great Buck Howard." It has been a labor of love that came to life thanks to his father's production company, but—and he couldn't stress this enough—it would be a mistake to assume that an Oscar-winning dad pulled any strings.

It took a while for this movie to get made. I think I read the script in 2003 or 2002. Sean McGinly, who's the direc-

tor, and I spent a lot of time trying to find people to finance it.

After a few years and a few false starts, someone suggested Playtone—like, you know, my father's production company—and said this is the kind of movies they like to make. And I begrudgingly said, "Yeah, that's true." And they ended up liking it so much they said, "We want to make it." And I went, "Well, OK. All right. Sure."

Didn't mean for it to happen like that; it just sort of did.

John Malkovich is a hallowed name here in Chicago.

He was funny and such an interesting guy. You expect him to be one thing, and to a degree he is like that—you know, very intellectual, very smart, sharp dresser.

And then he'd throw these curveballs at you every now and again where he would say something and you'd be like, "I can't believe I just heard John Malkovich say that."



Colin Hanks (from left), Emily Blunt and John Malkovich star in the comedy "The Great Buck Howard." **MAGNOLIA PICTURES**

The Great Buck Howard (PG)

There are few more terrifying moments for entertainers than when people decide they're not relevant anymore. Mentalist Buck Howard (John Malkovich) seems to be in denial that his glory days are over, but his new road manager, Troy (Colin Hanks), hopes to help Buck make it back to the top, while Troy falls for Buck's publicist (Emily Blunt, a breath of fresh air as always). The story gets by on a heartfelt sympathy for the fragile pride of a has-been.

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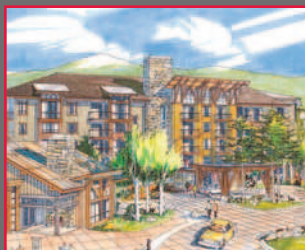
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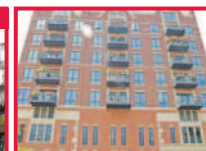
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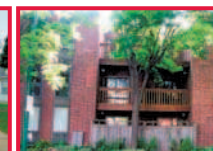
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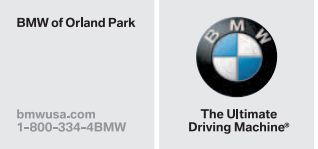


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In "Twilight," Rachel Lefevre played the vampire Victoria, who may have a bigger role in the sequel, "New Moon." GETTY IMAGES

Vampire fan savors her role in 'Twilight'

The Fresno Bee

Rachelle Lefevre loved that she got to vamp it up as Victoria in "Twilight."

She loved all of the stunt work she got to do as the super-powered, blood-drinking vampire. And it didn't hurt that she's a fan of vampire books. The first time she read Bram Stoker's "Dracula," she finished it and immediately started reading it again. She reacted the same way when she discovered the "Twilight" books.

Based on the popular Stephenie Meyer book, a special 2-DVD set of the film goes on sale at midnight Saturday.

The film, about a high school girl who falls for a vampire, made more than \$350 million at the box offices around the globe. Lefevre's Victoria is merely a supporting player

in the first film. She could play a more pivotal role in the film sequel, set to open in November, if the script follows the plot of the book "New Moon."

The Canadian actress' look in the film is far different than she had back in her own high school days.

"My awkward stage extended well into high school," Lefevre says. "Dating and getting attention from boys was something that came later to me. I actually did not have a date to my prom. I ended up taking a friend."

She vividly recalls walking the halls in high school, seeing a certain guy she liked and hearing cheesy music playing in her head.

That's why she can relate to the young love part of the movie, especially the film's central lovers Bella (Kristen Stewart) and Edward (Robert Pattinson).

"The thing that I liked watching about Rob and Kristen was the same thing I love about the books," Lefevre says. "It is not all about romance. They bicker. They get frustrated with each other."



RELEASE PARTIES

Many stores in the Chicago area are staying open Friday for the release of the "Twilight" DVD. The "Twilight" parties, from 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., will offer contests and giveaways. To find out what stores near you are open, go to twilightthemovie.com.



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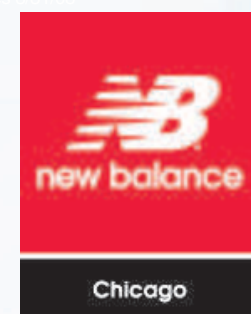
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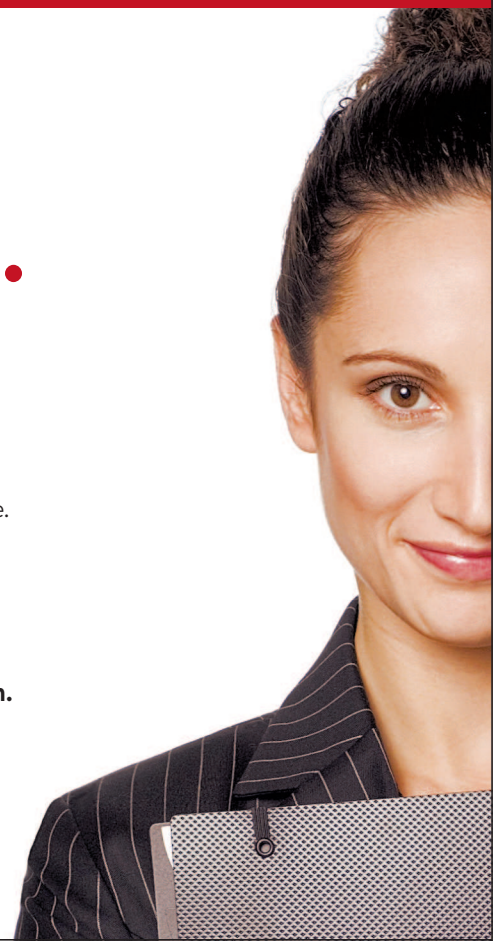
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Is “Gossip Girl” not filling the hole left in your heart by the demise of “The O.C.”? Josh Schwartz, the creator of those shows and “Chuck,” launched this new Web series on Tuesday with four episodes. Each 4- to 6-minute episode features ironic, mouthy hipsters and a lot of live music from cool bands. New episodes post every Tuesday.

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ALBUMS
Tell 'Em What Your Name Is!
Black Joe Lewis & The Honeybears

Some singers glide through elegant phrasing and stately melody. Black Joe Lewis hits his groove by grunting out syllables like the second coming of James Brown. And on “Tell 'Em What Your Name Is!,” it sounds like Lewis and his band The Honeybears are having way more fun. **GLENN GAMBOA, NEWSDAY**



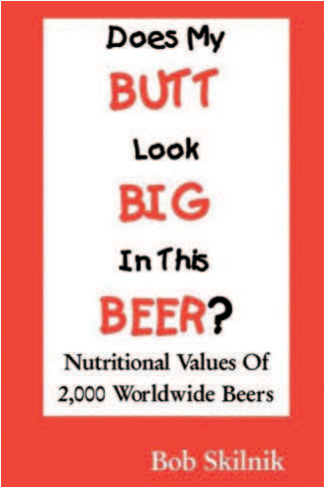
Alexandra Chando (left) and Andrew West in “Rockville CA”
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BOOKS
Does My Butt Look Big in this Beer?
By Bob Skilnik at mybeerbutt.com

Did you know that a bottle of Miller Lite has 96 calories, while Bud Light has 110? Or that molasses-thick Guinness Draught has just 125 calories, far less than the 164 calories in citrusy Blue Moon? In his new book, “Does My Butt Look Big in this Beer?,” Chicago booze expert Bob Skilnik lays out the calorie, carb and alcohol content of 2,000 different brews. He even includes Weight Watchers points. Dieters can no longer use the excuse that beers don’t carry nutrition labels.

ALEXIA ELEJALDE-
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The story begins 20 years before Halo, with the humans of the UN Space Command fighting the alien Covenant on a colony world called Harvest. Missions are nicely varied, from invading alien fortresses to defending civilians from a Covenant attack. Halo Wars looks gorgeous too, delivering the kind of explosive moments franchise fans expect. **LOU KESTEN, AP**

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Lynch serves up laughs

You may not know it, but you do know who Jane Lynch (right) is.

You've laughed at her in movies such as "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," "Best in Show" and "Role Models," as well as her TV turns on "Psyche,"

"Two and a Half Men" and "Monk."

You're going to get even more of the Chicago-area native in "Party Down," a comedy that debuts at 9:30 p.m. Friday on Starz. In it, she plays Constance, a middle-age slacker who is totally happy working as a cater-waiter.

"She fancies herself an aspiring actress, but when it comes right down to it she's really happy catering," Lynch told me recently. "These are her family members; this is her life and she enjoys it. She kind of lives in a soft cotton place; she doesn't have any ambition or any desire to be anywhere else than where she is."

The comedy, from "Veronica Mars" creator Rob Thomas and movie actor Paul Rudd, follows Constance and her Party Down caterer co-workers—most of whom want to break into show business—as they stumble and fumble through jobs while waiting for their big breaks. It's a pretty accurate portrait of the life of a young actor, Lynch says.

"I swapped stories with people in the cast and we've all done—if not catering—we've worked at restaurants and in the service industry," Lynch said, adding that when she appeared in Chicago theater she also worked as a temp, a waitress and a receptionist.

Even now, she keeps busy, which is evident in her long list of credits.

"I love this going job to job," she said. "I could use more [of] Constance."

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Party Down

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The absolute worst therapist on TV returns for a second season of "treating"—in her case ignoring—celebrity clients who include Janeane Garofalo, Tori Spelling, Jeff Probst, Hugh Hefner and

Jerry Seinfeld. Co-creator Alexandra Wentworth absolutely commits to her role as Dr. Elizabeth Goode, who is too self-absorbed, judgmental and preoccupied with her upcoming wedding to help anyone. When Macy Gray describes her graphic fantasies about President Obama—"I want to give him a roofie and take him home!"—Goode shuts her down, instead talking about her fiancé. It's a bawdy, improvised comedy that anyone who isn't easily offended will laugh at.

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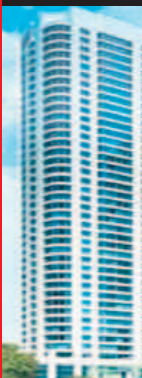


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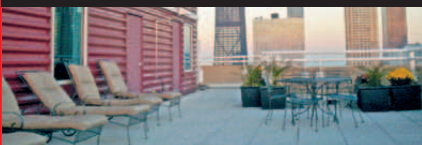


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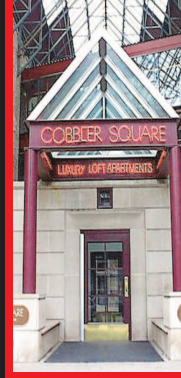
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Don't forget iProtection

An iPod or iPhone should not run around naked, ever. There's no law against it, but touch (or drop) a naked iSomething and you're asking for trouble—a scratch, nick or smudge. Apple's vulnerable little iPod-

iPhone family needs some protective custody. Here's a look at a few, as tested with a second-generation Touch. Similar cases are available for other iPods and the iPhone.

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Protective film

Clear vinyl film for touchscreen; \$1.53 at monoprice.com

This is a basic peel-off sticker that most people will apply in less than a minute. I bought two of these—and blew it with both. Each time I tried to adjust the placement, I left fingerprints and dust on the film's sticky surface, ruining it. For the non-klutz, though, this is as inexpensive as basic touchscreen protection gets.



Contour Design's Fusion

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A tight fit, with opening for easy sync/charge. I preferred the Fusion's design to its fashion. I still wouldn't get this without adding touchscreen protection.



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Carry case with detachable key chain, belt loops; \$50 at lrgisamonster.com

Nice leather case available in seven colors/patterns, with a magnetic flap and a liner that promises to keep the screen clean. I'll pass on the key chain, though. I didn't like the gaudy brass "LRG" monogram on the case, either. And I'd still get a protective film for the touchscreen.

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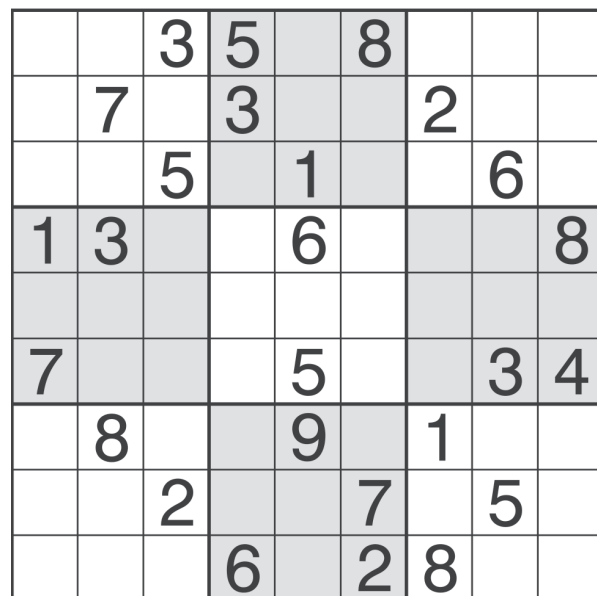
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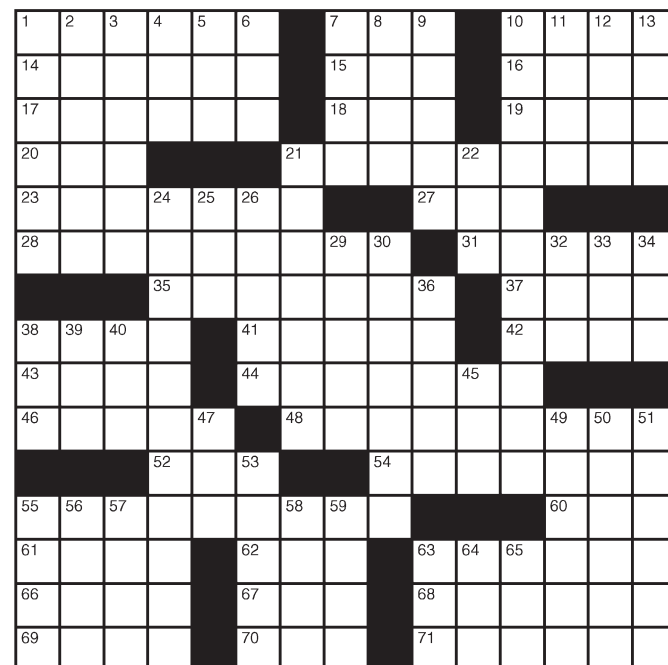
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1. "Most of the directors I'd want to work with don't even know who I am. Their daughters might."

2. "This heart didn't come with instructions."

3. "You have to do a lot of tweaking and airbrushing to get the same from a celebrity that you would get from a model."



A
Tyson Beckford
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B
John Mayer
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C
Zac Efron
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10. Who's hosting the MTV Movie Awards in May?

- A. Seth Rogen
- B. Jonah Hill
- C. Andy Samberg



A



B

4. Which '80s-'90s TV fave is headed to the big screen?

- A. "Saved By the Bell"
- B. "MacGyver"
- C. "Murder, She Wrote"

5. What do Carson Daly, Charlie Sheen and Jenna Jameson have in common?

- A. All are natural blonds.
- B. They all welcomed kids this week.
- C. They've been tapped for "Dancing With the Stars."



7. True or false: Lindsay Lohan is off the hook for an arrest warrant that was issued Friday.

- A. True
- B. False



C



6. Who topped the Billboard album chart this week?

- A. Kelly Clarkson
- B. U2
- C. Taylor Swift



8. Which celeb has NOT lost a pet dog recently?

- A. Martha Stewart
- B. Elisabeth Hasselbeck
- C. Oprah Winfrey

9. Which of the following contestants is NOT in the "American Idol" top 10?

- A. Alexis Grace
- B. Adam Lambert
- C. Michael Sarver

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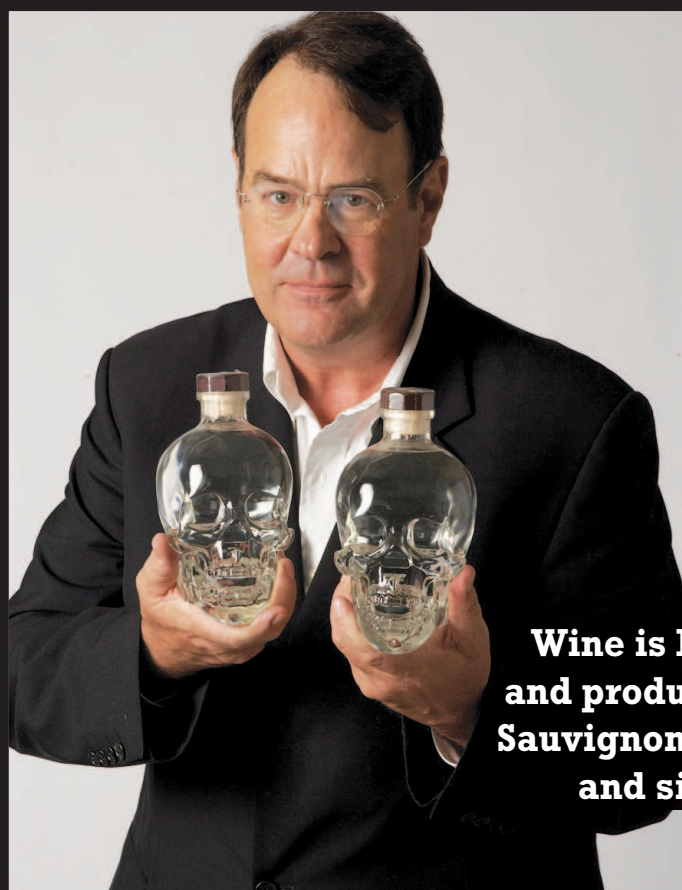
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Away from Hollywood Dan Aykroyd has had a fascination with ghosts, spirits and extra-terrestrial life. His pursuit of the supernatural inspired his creation of this super premium vodka called Crystal Head, made with water from a deep aquifer in Newfoundland and sculpted into a glass rendering of a human skull. Hear Aykroyd tell the story and get a signed bottle from the Hollywood star.

Friday, March 27th 3-5pm

GRAPES!

Wine is Dan Aykroyd's worldly obsession. He loves to drink it, talk about it and produce it. Aykroyd teamed up with DeLoach to produce a top Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay from Sonoma County. He'll be pouring the wines and signing bottles the day after his appearance on Crystal Head Vodka.

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Tequila sunrise

Justin Timberlake is bringing sexy back—to tequila.

The singer, actor and now businessman is launching his own brand called 901, according to **people.com**.

The libation will be released in May in just a few markets to start: New York, L.A., Las Vegas and St. Louis.

So why 901? Timberlake's rep told *People*: "901 is that time of night when your evening is ending, but your night is just beginning." And it refers to the area code of his hometown, Memphis.



Timberlake
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"I have a hematoma. In laymen's terms it means I grew a third butt cheek."

—**Steve-O** to "Access Hollywood," describing the back injury that kept him from performing on Monday's "Dancing With the Stars."

THE VELVET ROPE

Let the hate commence

Frankly, some UCLA students aren't stoked about James Franco delivering their commencement speech. The Facebook group "UCLA Students Against James Franco as Commencement Speaker" knocks the actor's smarts and deems him "not an appropriate choice" for graduation day.

Rimes or reason?

The speculation surrounding LeAnn Rimes' alleged affair is heating up. *Us Weekly* has obtained security camera footage of the married entertainer allegedly on a date with her married Lifetime movie co-star Eddie Cibrian. The video shows the two holding hands and kissing. *Us* reports the footage also shows Rimes sucking on Cibrian's finger. Is it possible the co-stars of "Northern Lights," which airs Saturday, were just getting into character?

Obama on 'Tonight'

President Obama dropped by Jay Leno's show Thursday, and the host devoted 35 minutes to the interview, AP reports. Though Obama spent most of the appearance talking about official issues (AIG, the economy), he also joked about the status of First Dog and bowling at the White House (he rolled a 129-point game). According to NBC, Obama was the first sitting president ever to appear on "The Tonight Show." Leno was enthused about snaring the president as a guest, calling it "one of the best nights of my life."

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2 The number of new "Behind the Music" episodes that have been finalized—featuring Scott Weiland and Lil Wayne. VH1 announced Thursday it was relaunching the show that takes an in-depth look at pop music's train wrecks, er, success stories.

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